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THE SALE OF GOODS ACT IN NEW YORK. By GEORGE GLEASON BOGERT. Northport, N. Y.: EDWARD THOMPSON COMPANY. 1912. pp. xlix, 400.

This should prove a very serviceable book for both lawyer and layman in New York. The statute is set forth in large type, so that even the wayfaring man need not err in deciphering it; and each section is followed by a lucid and intelligible commentary. This, as a rule, consists of two parts. First, the author's view of the effect of the section. If the statutory provision is simply declaratory of the pre-existing law in New York, this portion of the commentary is short. On the other hand, if the provision has changed the law, the author carefully points out the changes, as he understands them. The second portion of the commentary refers to the corresponding provision of the English Sale of Goods Act, and digests the most recent English decisions thereunder. This is followed by a well arranged digest of New York cases upon the topics covered by the particular section.

Even a layman can get much valuable information from the statute presented and explained in this manner; while the lawyer will find the commentary both enlightening and time-saving. In the main, the work appears to be characterized by good judgment and careful statements. At times, however, the author seems to be misled by what distinguished writers have said was law in New York, and not to have investigated the topic for himself, as thoroughly as he might have done.

The Appendix contains all of the New York Personal Property Law except the Sales Act, as well as a reprint of the English Sale of Goods Act. Immediately preceding the main text is a comparative table of section numbers, of the New York Act, the American Uniform Sales Act and of the English Sale of Goods Act. In the Table of Cases, the New York decisions, which the author believes to have been modified or seriously affected by the statute, are printed in large type. In short, the author has attempted to make the book as serviceable as possible to the practicing lawyer and to the student of the Statute.

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